

August 3, 2021

Dear Parents,

As the new school year approaches, we would like to let you know what to expect when your student(s) come back to school on Aug. 12.

- For the 2021-22 school year masks will not be required. Students and staff will be welcome to wear masks if they choose, but they will not be required.
 - Bullying standards will be strictly enforced as students and parents choose whether or not to wear masks at school.
- Vaccinations will not be required.* Staff and parents can decide what is best for their families.
- If your student is sick, PLEASE keep them home.
 - This is for the safety of teachers, staff and other students.
- If anyone in your house has COVID, all students living in that house should STAY HOME for 10 days, unless they are fully vaccinated.
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- Quarantine guidelines will not be imposed at this point.
 - If there is a COVID case in your child's classroom, we will notify the parents in that class.
- Remote and hybrid learning will be available long-term through our Utah Online School.
 - For short-term absences, teachers are uploading assignments to Canvas and Schoology.
- There will be no test to stay.
 - If there is an outbreak at a school of 30 or more cases, students may be required to provide a negative test result to remain in school.
- There will be no test to play.
 - If there is an outbreak on a team/group, participants may be required to provide a negative test in order to play or participate in an event.
- Fridays will be early out for most students.
 - Check your individual school website for details on scheduling.
- School lunch will be provided free of charge for all students throughout the 2021-22 school year.

*Intermountain Healthcare and the Southwest Utah Public Health Department encourage anyone over the age of 12 to get the COVID vaccine.

We are working closely with Dr. Blodgett and the Southwest Utah Public Health Department to hold school as normal as possible. As we move forward, we will keep you informed of any changes that may come as directed by the State or our local health department. We ask for your patience and understanding as changes may need to take place. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

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